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To the Chairman and Members of the Stourport-on-Severn Urban District Council

Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present my Annual Report on the health of the Urban District for the year 1964.

The report is divided into the following sections:—

“A” Statistics and Social Conditions of the Area.

“B” General Provision of Health Services for the Area.

“C” Sanitary Circumstances of the Area.

“D” Housing.

“E” Inspection and Supervision of Food.

“F” Prevalence of and Control over Infectious Diseases.

Main Occupation of the Area

The principal industries of the area comprise the manufacture of carpets, ceramic insulators, chains for many purposes, wire cables, fans, timber products and electric transformers. There is also a vinegar works and a factory producing concrete slabs of all kinds.

In addition there are:—

- (a) Three large Oil Companies engaged in the storage and distribution of petrol and oil.
- (b) One Company engaged in the bulk storage and distribution of imported timber.

All timber and some petrol and oil arrives by boat from Avonmouth, Stourport-on-Severn being the head of the portion of the River Severn which is navigable by commercial traffic. The quantity of petrol transported by river has decreased over the years as there has been a steady increase of petrol being delivered by pipeline, this now being the main avenue of supply.

There is also in the district one of the largest Power Stations in the Midlands.

SECTION " A "

AREA IN ACRES	...	...	...	...	...	3218
NUMBER OF INHABITATED HOUSES (end of 1964) according to rate books	...	...	...	...	...	4623
RATEABLE VALUE	...	...	...	...	...	£ 658970
SUM REPRESENTED BY ONE PENNY RATE	...	...	...	...	...	£ 2655
REGISTRAR GENERAL'S ESTIMATE OF RESIDENT POPULATION (1964)	...	...	...	...	...	13400

LIVE BIRTHS

				TOTALS			
				Male	Female	1964	1963
Legitimate	...	...	...	167	128	295	244
Illegitimate	...	...	...	5	10	15	10
				172	138	310	254

THE BIRTH RATE per 1,000 estimated population for the Urban District	...	...	...	23.1	20.0
THE BIRTH RATE FOR ENGLAND AND WALES for the same period	...	...	...	18.4	18.2
ILLEGITIMATE LIVE BIRTHS per cent of Total Live Births was	...	...	...	4.8	3.9

STILL BIRTHS

				Male	Female	1964	1963
Legitimate	...	...	...	5	2	7	2
Illegitimate	...	...	...	—	—	—	—
				5	2	7	2

THE STILL BIRTH RATE per 1,000 total live and Still Births was	...	...	...	22.1	7.8
THE STILL BIRTH RATE per 1,000 total live and Still Births for England and Wales for the same period	...	...	...	16.3	17.3

				TOTALS			
				Male	Female	1964	1963
TOTAL LIVE AND STILL BIRTHS	...	...	...	177	140	317	256

DEATHS

				TOTALS			
				Male	Female	1964	1963
TOTAL DEATHS	...	...	...	64	65	129	135
THE DEATH RATE per 1,000 estimated population was	...	...	...	...	...	9.6	10.6
THE DEATH RATE for the whole of England and Wales per 1,000 population was	...	...	...	...	...	11.3	12.2

MATERNAL DEATH (including abortion) ...	Nil	Nil
MATERNAL MORTALITY RATE for the year per 1,000 births (Live and Still) was ...	Nil	Nil
MATERNAL MORTALITY for England and Wales for the same period per 1,000 (live and still) was	0.25	0.28

DEATHS OF INFANTS UNDER ONE YEAR

	<i>Male</i>	<i>Female</i>	<i>1964</i>	<i>1963</i>
Legitimate	3	—	3	3
Illegitimate	—	—	—	—
	3	—	3	3

THE INFANT MORTALITY RATE for the year per 1,000 total live births was	22.6	19.7
THE INFANT MORTALITY RATE for the same period for England and Wales per 1,000 total live births was	20.0	20.9
INFANT MORTALITY RATE per 1,000 legiti- mate Live Births was	10.2	20.5
INFANT MORTALITY RATE per 1,000 illegiti- mate Live Births was	Nil	Nil

NEONATAL MORTALITY

	<i>1963</i>	<i>1964</i>
The deaths of infants under four weeks representing a rate of 6.7 per 1,000 live births.	3	2
The deaths of infants under four weeks in England and Wales during 1964 represented a rate of 13.8 per 1,000 live births.		

CAUSES OF DEATHS OF INFANTS UNDER ONE YEAR

	<i>Male</i>	<i>Female</i>
Prematurity	1	—
Cerebral Haemorrhage	1	—
Staphyococcal Pyaemia	1	—

EARLY NEONATAL MORTALITY RATE

The deaths of infants under one week number representing a rate of 6.4 per 1,000 live births.	2	—
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PERINATAL MORTALITY RATE

The still births and deaths under one week numbered representing a rate of 28.4 per 1,000 live and still births.	9
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	<i>Male</i>	<i>Female</i>
Deaths from Cancer (all ages)	7	14
Deaths from Measles	—	—
Deaths from Whooping Cough	—	—
Deaths from Diarrhoea (under 2 years) ...	—	—

CAUSES OF DEATHS (including Transferable Deaths)

<i>Cause of Death</i>	<i>Sex</i>	<i>Total all ages</i>	<i>Under 4 weeks</i>	<i>4 weeks and under 1 year</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>15</i>	<i>25</i>	<i>35</i>	<i>45</i>	<i>55</i>	<i>65</i>	<i>75 and over</i>
1. Tuberculosis	M	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
Respiratory	F	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
10. Malignant Neoplasm	M	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Stomach	F	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1
11. Malignant Neoplasm	M	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1
Lung, Bronchus	F	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—
12. Malignant Neoplasm	M	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Breast	F	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	1	1	—
13. Malignant Neoplasm													
Uterus	F	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—
14. Other Malignant and Lymphatic Neoplasms	M	5	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	1	2	1
	F	7	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	3	2
17. Vascular Lesions of	M	13	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	4	7
Nervous System	F	16	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	6	7
18. Coronary Disease,	M	13	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	3	5	3
Angina	F	8	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	4	3
20. Other Heart	M	9	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	4	4
Disease	F	16	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	3	12
21. Other Circulatory	M	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2
Disease	F	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
23 Pneumonia	M	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—
	F	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
24. Bronchitis	M	5	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	2	2
	F	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—
27. Gastritis, Enteritis and Diarrhoea	M	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
	F	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
28. Nephritis and Nephrosis	M	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—
	F	2	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
31. Congenital Malformations	M	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
	F	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
32. Other Defined and Ill-Defined Diseases	M	7	2	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	2	—
	F	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3
33. Motor Vehicle Accidents	M	1	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—
	F	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
34. All Other Accidents	M	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	1	—
	F	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2
35. Suicide	M	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—
	F	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
TOTAL All Causes	M	64	2	1	—	—	1	1	—	6	9	22	22
	F	65	—	—	—	1	—	—	1	1	8	20	34

SECTION " B "

GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES FOR THE AREA

Laboratory Services

Producer samples of milk and samples of piped water supplies are examined by the County Laboratory, Worcester, together with food for chemical analysis. The major part of the bacteriological and pathological work is carried out by the Public Health Laboratory Service, Worcester Royal Infirmary.

Ambulance Service

This service is administered by the County Council as Local Health Authority, and there is a system of wireless control with the headquarters in the County Medical Officer's Department at Worcester. The Kidderminster Ambulance Station has been augmented and now provides a fully manned 24-hour service. An ambulance for infectious cases is stationed at Hayley Green Isolation (under the control of the Regional Hospital Board).

Hospitals

All hospitals are administered by the Birmingham Regional Hospital Board through their Management Committee. The Kidderminster General Hospital received the majority of hospital patients from this district. The Lucy Baldwin Hospital provides the district and surrounding area with maternity beds.

Cases admitted to the Lucy Baldwin Maternity Hospital

during the year	...	...	...	...	...	641
Women delivered	...	...	...	...	...	470
Infants born alive	...	...	...	...	...	469
Infant deaths	...	...	...	...	...	1
Infants Stillborn	...	...	...	...	...	5
Maternal Deaths	...	...	...	...	...	Nil
Cases of Puerperal Pyrexia	...	...	...	...	...	8
Cases of Ophthalmia Neonatorum	...	...	...	...	...	1

Infectious Diseases

Beds for infectious diseases are provided at Newtown Isolation Hospital, Worcester, and not now at Hayley Green as previously. There were 3 cases admitted from Stourport-on-Severn during the year.

Tuberculosis

Out patients treatment is provided at the Kidderminster Hospital Dispensary, where Dr. Cronin attends, Wednesday mornings, Thursday and Friday afternoons. Inpatients treatment is arranged at Newtown, Worcester. Prevention and after-care remain the responsibility of the Local Health Authority and the service is administered locally by the After-care Sub-Committee.

Venereal Disease

Treatment and "follow-up" are carried out at the following :
Kidderminster and District General Hospital.
Worcester Royal Infirmary.
Other neighbouring hospitals as required.

Nursing in the Home

The service is administered by the Local Authority.

There are :

1. Three nurses who deal principally with the Midwifery and General Nursing. A car is provided.
2. Two whole-time Health Visitors and School Nurses who attend school medical inspections, treat minor ailments at the school clinic and visit cases of mental defect. They visit infants and children in the home and are responsible for their welfare from fourteen days until they attend school at five years old, when they continue to supervise under the school scheme. They act as general health advisors to the family in conjunction with the doctors, and give help wherever practicable, particularly with the ageing members of the family. They attend Infant Welfare Clinics in their area, Mothercraft and relaxation classes for expectant mothers and a class for young fathers. For this purpose the Urban District is divided into two areas, one nurse being responsible for the Town Centre, Lower Heath, and surrounding district, Areley Kings, Astley, and the old part of the Walshes Estate and the other one for the north side of Bewdley Road, Newtown, Wilden, Burlish and the new part of the Walshes Estate.
3. Another Health Visitor also visits cases of Tuberculosis.

Clinics

(a) ANTE-NATAL CLINICS

Ante-natal Clinics are held every Tuesday and Thursday afternoons at the Lucy Baldwin Maternity Hospital in the charge of Doctors MacArthur, C. Mackie, Black, Tibbetts and W. T. Mackie and Matron respectively. A clinic is also held by the district midwives on the second and fourth Monday in each month.

(b) INFANT WELFARE CLINICS

- (i) Lucy Baldwin, a weekly Clinic with a doctor in attendance first and third Friday of each month.
- (ii) Wilden, held third Wednesday in month.
- (iii) Areley Kings, held in Parish Hall, Areley Kings, on second and fourth Thursday afternoons. (In charge of Dr. W. Mackie.)

Children under five are immunised at these clinics and vaccination is carried out as required.

Separate sessions for Poliomyelitis immunisation (oral) are held at the Mitton Street School Clinic, by appointment, for all those age groups who are eligible.

SECTION " C "

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA

Water Supply

The majority of the dwellings in the area are supplied with water from the North West Worcestershire Water Board. The source of the supply is deep bores in the Bewdley Corporation's area and the storage reservoirs are situated at Mount Pleasant.

21 Bacteriological samples were taken from the Town Supply and all proved the water to be satisfactory.

A report on a sample taken for chemical analysis from the Town supply at 63, Hermitage Way, Stourport-on-Severn, on the 27th October, 1964, is given below:—

PHYSICAL CHARACTERS

Colour	Colourless
Odour	None
Deposit	None
	pH 7.5

CHEMICAL EXAMINATION (results expressed in parts per million)

Solids in Suspension (Dried at 100° C)	...	240
Solids in Solution (Dried at 180° C)	...	145
Chlorine present as Chloride	...	54
Hardness Non-Carbonate	...	56
Hardness Carbonate	...	132
Hardness Total	...	188
Ammoniacol Nitrogen	...	Trace
Albuminoid Nitrogen	...	0.01
Nitrate Nitrogen	...	6.7
Nitrite Nitrogen	...	0.001
Permanganate Value (4 Hours at 27° C)	...	0.15
Toxic Metals	...	Nil
Total Residual Chlorine	...	0.04
Fluorine	...	—

OPINION:—The chemical condition of the sample is satisfactory.

(Signed) W. E. JONES,

County Analyst

13th November, 1964

Sewerage and Drainage

Disposal of sewerage at the Oldington Disposal Works used jointly with the Borough of Kidderminster and Bewdley has continued reasonably satisfactorily, but there is evidence of a more rapid approach of overloading than was previously estimated.

In view of the probable delay in the extension to these works a planning embargo has been placed on schemes of private estate development (not already approved) until April, 1966.

SECTION " D "

The number of houses built by the Council during the year was one block of 15 one bedroom flats for aged and single persons. 327 houses were built by private enterprises.

Number of Council Houses in the Urban District ... 1287
(Use of 3 Minster Road and St. Michael's Lodge)

Number of Huttred Dwellings requisitioned by the

Council ... Nil

Number of Houses requisitioned by the Council ... Nil

Number of Applicants for Council Houses ... 308

Number of Applicants who are living in lodgings ... 84

Approximate total number of persons represented by
application list ... 793

With regard to houses unfit for human habitation in the district 6 Demolition Orders were made during the year.

Number of families rehoused from condemned properties 23.

Burlish Park Estate (Private Development)

178 houses have been completed and occupied during the year.

Walshes Farm Areas

(a) THE COUNCIL'S CARAVAN AND CAMPING SITE.

This site has accommodation for 72 caravans and approximately 200 tents during the holiday period.

A new toilet block incorporating showers with hot water and domestic washing facilities was brought into use for the beginning of the holiday season.

The Council's First Aid Centre continues and provides a most helpful service. Owing to staffing difficulties the Centre has been open only during the hours 10—1.0 p.m. and 3—6.0 p.m. daily.

During the year 220 patients were treated at the centre, and 3 referred to hospital. 14 were seen by a Medical Officer.

Fewer tents were in use this year.

The First Aid Post on the riverside treated 49 Patients, 2 being referred to hospital. This Post was manned for 310 hours of duty.

(b) HAYWOODS MEADOW

This site has approximately 150 caravans, bungalows and similar structures.

Negotiations have continued in an effort to find suitable means of improving the Sanitary facilities of this low lying site with its close proximity to the river and it is now anticipated that the toilet blocks with pail closets will be converted to water carriage with drainage to cesspools early next year.

Houseboats

There are now no houseboats used for permanent residential purposes.

SECTION " E "

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD

The number of manufacturers of ice cream on the register at the end of the year is one, and the number of retailers of ice cream is 60. Regular samples have been taken from the manufacturer and these have proved satisfactory.

Adulteration of Food

Mr. Spencer, Chief Inspector of Weights and Measures, Worcestershire County Council, reports the following:—

During the year 1964, 67 samples of foods and drugs were taken in Stourport-on-Severn Urban District for analysis by the Public Analyst. The rate of sampling is 5.7 samples per 1,000 of population (1961 census). The Ministry suggested minimum is 3 samples per 1,000.

The samples taken consisted of 3 Milk, 53 miscellaneous foods and 11 drugs.

The 3 milk samples, taken from cafes, were satisfactory. Of the miscellaneous foods 3 samples were unsatisfactory. These were as follows:—

- (a) Canned Steak Fillets. 72 per cent meat content. This article was considered to be incorrectly described in view of its low meat content which was consistent with a "meat in gravy" product. The canners agreed to add the words 'in gravy' to the description on the cans.
- (b) Canned Chicken Fillets. 79 per cent meat content. Again this product fell within the category of a "meat in gravy" in view of its low meat content. The canners agreed to add the words 'in gravy' to the main description.
- (c) Coffee Roll. This was found to contain a foreign body — a small piece of cardboard — which the public analyst considered harmless. The manufacturers were interviewed and warned.

Drugs. All drug samples were correct.

Sampling at other than retail level

The practice of visiting processing dairies supplying Stourport-on-Severn U.D. with bottled milk was continued for the purpose of sampling incoming consignments from producers. 454 milk samples were taken at these dairies, this figure including 142 samples from Channel Islands herds. The composite fat content of all consignments was satisfactory except in the case of a consignment of Channel Islands milk which fell below the statutory standard of 4.0 per cent. The consignment was correct the following day. 2 informal samples taken from churns in a producer's consignment contained 0.3 per cent and 1.6 per cent extraneous water respectively. These were test samples. Sampling was repeated formally the following day when all samples were found correct. These small amounts of water can only be accounted for by failure to drain churns properly after swilling out. The producer was warned.

A number of producers supplying these dairies have installed refrigerated holding tanks at farms and no longer use churns, collections being made by bulk tanker. Sampling of these supplies has, therefore, been transferred to the farms and samples are drawn from the tanks prior to collection.

The sample from a farm holding tank in one case was found to contain 1.4 per cent extraneous water. A repeat sample taken the following day contained 1.0 per cent extraneous water. An examination of the machine milking installation revealed a part of the pipe line falling the wrong way causing a water trap after swilling through prior to milking. The farmer was cautioned — the installation not being his work and the adulteration being small.

Most foods and drugs on sale are products of firms distributing nationally. These national lines appear in all areas of the County and it is considered satisfactory to regard the area administered by the County Council as one unit for sampling purposes. Each year this Department submits over 5,000 samples of foods and drugs for analysis for the area under its control.

SECTION " F "

PREVALENCE OF AND CONTROL OVER INFECTIOUS DISEASES

Diphtheria Immunisation

The number of children immunised for the first time during the year at clinics, schools or by general practitioners was as follows:—

Pre-school children	...	...	...	211
School children	...	...	...	9
Reinforcing doses	...	...	...	338

General

Cases of infectious diseases notified during the year are shown in the following table.

<i>Diseases</i>	<i>Total Cases Notified</i>	<i>Cases Admitted to Hospital</i>	<i>Total Deaths</i>
Measles	517	2	—
Acute Primary Pneumonia	1	—	—
Whooping Cough	20	1	—
Tuberculosis	2	—	1
Puerperal Pyrexia	7	—	—
Ophthalmia Neonatorum ...	1	—	—

Tuberculosis

The following table gives particulars of new cases of Tuberculosis and deaths from the disease in the area during the year:—

<i>Age Periods</i>	<i>New Cases</i>				<i>Deaths</i>			
	<i>Pulmonary</i>		<i>Non-Pulmonary</i>		<i>Pulmonary</i>		<i>Non-Pulmonary</i>	
	<i>M.</i>	<i>F.</i>	<i>M.</i>	<i>F.</i>	<i>M.</i>	<i>F.</i>	<i>M.</i>	<i>F.</i>
0—1 ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1— ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
5— ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
15— ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
25— ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
35— ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
45— ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
55— ...	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
65 and over	1	—	—	—	1	—	—	—
Age unknown	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Totals ...	2	—	—	—	1	—	—	—

B.C.G. Inoculation

Number of consents for testing and inoculation	183
Percentage	91.0
Number tested	181
Number positive	11
Result Negative	170
Percentage Positive	6.0
Vaccinated	170
Re-tested	—
Absent	1
	1
	deferred

Mass Radiography Service

The Mobile Unit did not visit this area during the year, but it is available as required at the Coventry Street Clinic, Kidderminster, where it makes a weekly attendance.

Conclusion

It is pleasing to be able to record that 15 housing units for single and aged persons were provided by the Council in the New Vernon Court. There has been a pressing need in the District for a number of years.

The provision of houses of all kinds remains the most urgent problem facing the Council and it is hoped that some further progress will be made during the coming years.

I would like to thank the Chairman and Members of the Council and the Council's Staff for their help and co-operation during the year.

I am, Madam and Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

R. W. MARKHAM,

Medical Officer of Health

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE PUBLIC HEATH INSPECTOR FOR THE YEAR 1964

To the Chairman and Members of the
Stourport-on-Severn Urban District Council

Mr. Chairman, Lady and Gentleman,

I have the honour to present the report of the Public Health Inspector for the year 1964. Mr. D. F. Hughes held this post until the 18th May, 1964, when he resigned to take up a similar position with another Authority. I took up the post as your Public Health Inspector on 1st July, 1964.

Meat Inspection

The tables below give details of meat inspected during the year 1964:—

ANIMALS INSPECTED

	<i>Cattle (exclu- ding Cows)</i>	<i>Cows</i>	<i>Calves</i>	<i>Sheep and Lambs</i>	<i>Pigs</i>
Number Killed ...	73	Nil	Nil	603	142
Number Inspected ...	73	Nil	Nil	603	142
All Diseases except Tuberculosis and Cysticeri:					
Whole Carcasses con- demned ...	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned ...	Nil	Nil	Nil	1	9
Percentage of the n u m b e r inspected affected with disease other than tuberculo- sis or cysticeri ...	Nil	Nil	Nil	0.16	6.3
Tuberculosis only:					
Whole carcase con- demned ...	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned ...	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	5
Percentages of the n u m b e r inspected affected with tubercu- losis ...	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	3.52
Cysticercosis ...	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil

Meat was condemned for the following reasons:

<i>Cause</i>	<i>Weight</i>
Tuberculosis (Pigs Heads)	36 lbs.
Pericarditis (Pigs Hearts)	7 lbs.
Degenerated Cysts (Sheeps Pluck and Pigs Liver)	14 lbs.
	57 lbs.

Other Foods

The following foodstuffs were inspected at the request of Shopkeepers and voluntarily surrendered for disposal:—

Tomatoes	40 tins
Fruit	15 tins
Fish	7 tins
Luncheon Meat	4 tins
Peas	37 tins
Soup	21 tins
Baked Beans	9 tins
Stewed Steak	7 tins
Evaporated Milk	11 tins
Cream	1 tin
Chopped Pork	5 tins
Sandwich Spread	1 jar
Peanut Butter	1 jar
Marmalade	1 jar
Ox Tongue	1 tin x 6 lb.
Ham	3 tins x 6 lb.
Ham	2 tins x 10 lb.
Ham	1 tin x 12 lb.
Luncheon Meat	2 tins x 4 lb.
Corned Beef	35 tins x 6 lb.
Beef Sausage	46 lbs.
Pork Sausage	37 lbs.
Cheese	14 lbs.
Cod	½ stone
Smoked Fillets	4 boxes
Crab	1 stone
Pig's Heart	1

In addition to the above complaints are received from time to time regarding the condition of food or food containers purchased locally.

Immediate investigation of such complaints is made and where necessary the assistance of the Analyst's Department and Public Health Laboratory is called in.

Food and Drugs Act 1955 — Section 16

Registration of premises used for the manufacture of prepared foods:—

Number on Register	8
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Details of Food Manufactured

<i>Number of Premises</i>	<i>Food Manufactured</i>
1	Sausage, Cooked Meat Pies
1	Sausage only
3	Sausage and Pickled Tongues
1	Meat Pickling
1	Cooked Ham only
1	Ice Cream

Premises Registered for sale of Ice Cream 60

ICE CREAM SAMPLES				
<i>No. of Samples</i>	<i>Results Notified in Grades by Public Health Laboratory Service</i>			
	1	2	3	4
20	3	5	9	3
ICE LOLLIES				
<i>No. of Samples</i>	<i>Satisfactory</i>		<i>Unsatisfactory</i>	
1	1			

The majority of the samples graded in 3 and 4 were taken early in holiday season from soft mix machines. The liquid mix being supplied by a firm of national repute. Following due consultations with the manufacturers and interviews with shop proprietors, improvements were noted in subsequent samples.

Number of Food Premises in the Area

<i>Type of Business</i>	<i>Number</i>
Works Canteen	6
School Kitchens	2
Bakery and Confectionery	4
Grocers and Provision Merchants	17
General Food	26
Sweet Shops	7
Greengrocers	5
Wet Fish Shops	3
Butchers Shops	11
Cooked Meats	3
Fish Friers	4
Licensed Premises (including Clubs and Off-Licences)	50
Cafe and Snack Bars	10
Mobile Canteen	2
Mobile Fish Friers	1

Offices, Shops and Railway Premises Act 1963

This Act came into operation during May and August of this year is designed to improve the working arrangements of employees in Offices and Shops who have hitherto not been covered by specific legislation.

All establishments employing staff have to be registered and certain standards are laid down to cover health, safety and welfare facilities.

The responsibility for administering the provisions of the Act in the majority of Offices and Shops is with the Local Authority, with the exception of provisions dealing with means of escape in case of fire. In the case of other offices premises with certain exceptions the responsibility for administration has been placed with Her Majesty's Inspector of Factories.

The following table indicates premises registered with the Local Authority up to 31st December, 1964:—

<i>Class of premises</i>	<i>No. of premises Registered during the year</i>	<i>Total No. of Registered premises at end of year</i>	<i>Number of Registered premises receiving a general inspection during year</i>
Offices	30	30	—
Retail Shops	62	62	7
Wholesale Shops, warehouses ...	2	2	—
Catering establishments open to the public	16	16	4
Canteens	—	—	—
Fuel Storage depots ..	1	1	—
	111	111	11

HOUSING

Action under Statutory Powers during the year

(a) Proceedings under Section 16, 17 and 18 of the Housing Act 1957.	
(1) Number of Dwelling Houses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made	6
(2) Number of Dwelling Houses in respect of which Closing Orders were made	1
(3) Number of Undertakings not to re-let accepted ...	1
(4) Number of Houses demolished following Statutory Action	8
(b) Proceedings under the Public Health Act.	
(1) Number of Dwelling Houses in respect of which informal notices were served requiring defects to be remedied	35
(2) Number of Houses in which defects were remedied following formal notices	12
(c) Proceedings under Part III of the Housing Act 1957 (Clearance Areas)	Nil

SUMMARY OF REPAIRS EFFECTED FOLLOWING PRELIMINARY OR STATUTORY ACTION

Structural Repairs	8
Roof Repairs	6
Eaves Gutters Repaired or Renewed	5
Rainwater Pipes Repaired or Renewed	5
Windows and Doors Repaired	6
Floors Repaired	6
Wall and Ceiling Plaster Repaired	15
Yard Paving Repaired	—
New Sinks Provided	1
Fire-range Repaired	1
W.C. Fittings Repaired or Renewed	6
W.C. Structures Repaired	1
Water Service Pipes Repaired	1
Drains Unblocked and Cleansed	7
Drains Repaired	2
Old Drains Tested	1
Public Sewers Unblocked and Cleansed	47
Main Water Supply Provided	—
Houses Disinfected (including Wasps Nests)	15
New Dustbins Provided after Notice	14
New Dustbins Provided by Council on Request ...	214
Miscellaneous Items of Repair	4

Public Cleansing

Refuse Collection

The collection of refuse throughout the district continues to be maintained on a weekly basis. Obviously the bonus payments to refuse freighter drivers and loaders provides the incentive to ensure that the rounds are completed at the end of each week.

It is pleasing to record that no serious difficulties were experienced during the year to maintain a full establishment in the Cleansing Department. Unfortunately though during the Spring and Summer months it was difficult to maintain fully staffed collection teams due to holidays and absenteeism through sickness.

Refuse Disposal

All refuse is disposed of at the Bonemill Quarry. One man is employed on a full time basis to control the tip, to ensure that all refuse is disposed of in an organised manner. A limited amount of trade waste from local industries is also accepted on to the tip on a payment of 3/- per load.

Salvage Collection and Disposal

Waste paper continues to form the bulk of salvageable materials and it is from this source the greatest income is gained. The refuse collectors collect the paper salvage from private dwellings along with household refuse. A separate independant collection of paper salvage continues to be made from the majority of Shops and Factories in the Town without charge.

Other salvage is sorted at the tip and during the year the income from salvage was as follows:—

		1964			1964			1963		
		<i>Weight</i>			<i>Amount</i>			<i>Amount</i>		
		<i>tons</i>	<i>cwts.</i>	<i>qrs.</i>	<i>Realised</i>			<i>£</i>	<i>s.</i>	<i>d.</i>
					<i>£</i>	<i>s.</i>	<i>d.</i>	<i>£</i>	<i>s.</i>	<i>d.</i>
Waste Paper	...	101	9	3	620	13	1	670	11	6
Scrap Metal	...	6	7	—	39	13	9	41	5	0
Tins	...	—	—	—	9	0	0	9	0	0
Rags, etc.	...		3	—	1	10	0	4	0	0
Copper	...	—	—	—	—	—	—	4	0	0
					670	16	10	728	16	6

Details of Cost of Collection and Disposal of Refuse and Salvage during 1964

					£	s.	d.
Expenditure	...	...	...	...	14,582	16	10
Income	...	...	...	...	1,493	9	3

Cleansing of Cesspools and Pail Closets

There has been little change in this service during the year. Fortunately as with the refuse teams no difficulty has been experienced with staffing problems. The 13-year-old Gully/Cesspool Emptier continues to give loyal and faithful service, but for how much longer?

With the increasing development in areas of the district not sewered and older houses being modernised to include water carriage drainage to cesspools, greater demands are being placed on our “mobile sewer”, at the expense of the street gully cleansing service.

Details of Revenue from Private Works

					£	s.	d.
Chargeable Work outside the District	...	...	...	...	51	7	6
Chargeable Work inside the District	...	...	...	...	28	14	6

Public Weighbridge

This apparatus sited at Bonemill Quarry is attended on a part time basis by the operative baling and sorting paper salvage.

Outdoor Staff Employed on Public Cleansing

- 2 Refuse Freighter Driver/Loaders.
- 7 Refuse Loaders.
- 1 Refuse and Salvage Driver/Loader.
- 1 Refuse and Salvage Attendant.
- 1 Tip Attendant.
- 2 Salvage Balers and Weighbridge Attendants.
- 1 Gully/Cesspool Emptier Driver.
- 1 Gully/Cesspool Emptier Attendant.

RODENT CONTROL **Summary of Work carried out in 1964**

<i>Rodent Control PREVENTION OF DAMAGE BY PESTS ACT, 1949</i>	<i>Local Authority Premises</i>	<i>Dwelling Houses (including Council Houses)</i>	<i>All other (including Business Premises)</i>	<i>Agricul- tural</i>
No. of properties in Local Authority's District ...	33	4553	415	13
No. of properties inspected as a result of:				
(a) Notification	3	464	20	—
(b) Survey under the Act	8	470	42	2
(c) Otherwise (e.g. when visited primarily for some other purpose)	3	16	11	—
No. of properties inspected which were found to be infested by:				
(a) Rats—Major ...	—	—	—	—
Minor ...	9	594	31	—
(b) Mice—Major ...	—	—	—	—
Minor ...	—	5	5	—
No. of infested properties treated by Local Authority	8	452	27	—
Total treatments carried out including re-treatments	16	610	47	—
No. of "Block" Control Schemes carried out ...	72			

PUBLIC CONVENIENCES

One new small block of conveniences for ladies was brought into use during the year. This is sited off the car park at the rear of the Swan Hotel. The use of this convenience is free and a sink is installed with cold water supply to provide washing facilities.

Other Public Conveniences serving the town are as follows:

- (a) Bridge Street, Men and Women.
 Washing Facilities with Hot and Cold Water by payment.
 This facility is available during the holiday season only.
- (b) Lion Hill, Men and Women.
 No washing facilities.

- (c) Rear Swan Hotel, Men's Urinal.
No washing facilities.
- (d) Memorial Park, Men and Women.
No washing facilities.
- (e) Severn Meadows Car Park, Men and Women.
Free Washing Facilities — Cold Water only.
Open during the holiday season only.

Despite the risk of vandalism I feel that every public convenience ought to be provided with means of washing hands, even if only cold water is provided.

These public conveniences without any means of washing hands are the older ones and there is difficulty in siting in them suitable facilities. When the design and construction of new Public Conveniences is undertaken it is most important to include the provision of washing facilities.

MORTUARY

In 1964, 31 bodies were placed in the Council's Mortuary.

Factories Act 1961

Part 1 of the Act

1. Inspection for the purpose of provisions as to Health (including inspections made by Public Health Inspectors).

<i>Premises</i> (1)	<i>Number on Register</i> (2)	<i>Number of</i>		
		<i>Inspection</i> (3)	<i>Written Notices</i> (4)	<i>Occupiers Prosecuted</i> (5)
(i) Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities	1	3	—	—
(ii) Factories not included in (i) which section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority ...	56	31	3	—
(iii) Other Premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out-workers' premises) '	—	—	—	—
	57	34	3	—

2. Cases in which defects were found.

(If defects are discovered at the premises on two, three or more separate occasions they should be reckoned as two, three or more "cases".)

Particulars	Number of cases in which defects were found				Number of cases in which prose- cutions were in- stituted
	Found	Reme- died	Referred		
			to H.M. Inspec- tor	by H.M. Inspec- tor	
Want of Cleanliness (S1)	—	—	—	—	—
Overcrowding (S2)	—	—	—	—	—
Unreasonable temp- erature (S3) ...	—	—	—	—	—
Inadequate ventila- tion (S4) ...	—	—	—	—	—
Ineffective drainage of floors (S6) ...	—	—	—	—	—
Sanitary conveni- ences (S7):					
(a) Insufficient ...	1	1	—	—	—
(b) Unsuitable or defective ...	2	2	—	3	—
(c) Not separate for sexes ...	—	—	—	—	—
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to Outwork)	—	—	—	—	—
Total	3	3	—	3	—

NUMBER OF FACTORIES (31st December, 1964)

Light Engineering	...	...	...	...	...	2
Motor Body Builders		...	...	...	...	5
Vinegar Works	...	...	...	...	...	1
Making of Lock Gates		...	...	...	...	1
Repair of Canal Boats		...	...	...	...	1
Wire Manufacturers	...	...	...	...	...	1
Food Manufacturers	...	...	...	...	...	5
Agricultural Implement Manufacturers				...	...	2
Boat Building	...	...	...	...	...	2
Power Plant	...	...	...	...	...	1
Agriculture Merchants (Feeding Stuffs)				...	...	2
Gravel Pits	...	...	...	...	...	2
Timber Merchants	...	...	...	...	...	2
Manufacturers of Wood Products			...	...	...	1
Carpenters and Engineers		...	...	...	...	1
Builder's Yard	...	...	...	...	...	5
Motor and Motor Cycle Engineers			...	...	...	4
Engineers	...	...	...	...	...	4
Chain Manufacturers	...	...	...	...	...	1
Chain Repairing	...	...	...	...	...	1
Joinery	...	...	...	...	...	1
Storage Petroleum Products		...	...	...	...	3
Precast Stone Products	...	...	...	...	...	1
Electrical Component Manufacturers	...		...	...	...	3
Civil Engineers	...	...	...	...	...	1
Carpet Manufacturers	...	...	...	...	...	1
Toy Manufacturers	...	...	...	...	...	1
Metal Brackets	...	...	...	...	...	1
Boot and Shoe Repairers		...	...	...	...	1

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Pet Shops

There are no shops licensed to keep pets for sale in the District.

Summary of Notices Served

Housing Acts	...	...	...	...	...	...	8
Public Health Acts	...	...	...	...	...	...	47
Factories Act 1961	...	...	...	...	...	...	3
Food Hygiene Regulations 1960	...	...	...	...	...	...	23
Prevention of Damage by Pests Act 1949	...	...	...	...	...	...	Nil
Clean Air Act 1956	...	...	...	...	...	...	Nil

Summary of Inspection and Visits 1964

Housing Act							
Routine and Revisits	...	...	...	...	...	...	50
Repairs and Revisits	...	...	...	...	...	...	20
Overcrowding	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Public Health Act							
Nuisance (Complaints)	...	...	...	...	...	...	80
Revisits	...	...	...	...	...	...	107
Routine	...	...	...	...	...	...	17
Infectious Disease							
Enquiries	...	...	...	...	...	...	Nil
Food Hygiene Regulations							
Food Shops General	...	...	...	...	...	...	26
Cafe and Restaurants	...	...	...	...	...	...	11
Canteens	...	...	...	...	...	...	Nil
Mobiles	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
Fish Friers	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Ice Cream Premises							
Routine	...	...	...	...	...	...	15
Samples	...	...	...	...	...	...	21
Unsound Food	...	...	...	...	...	...	3
Factories							
Mechanical Powers	...	...	...	...	...	...	31
Non-Mechanical Power	...	...	...	...	...	...	3
Workplaces	...	...	...	...	...	...	15
Caravan Sites	...	...	...	...	...	...	50
Unauthorised Caravan Sites	...	...	...	...	...	...	10
Shack Area	...	...	...	...	...	...	9

Refuse and Salvage Collection	...	...	...	...	...	69
Refuse and Salvage Disposal	...	...	...	...	...	44
Salvage and Weighbridge	...	...	...	...	...	22
Interview with Crews	...	...	...	...	...	14
Refuse Collection Equipment	...	...	...	...	...	7
Public Conveniences	...	...	...	...	...	63
Clean Air Act	...	...	...	...	...	20
Miscellaneous	...	...	...	...	...	35
Food Inspection	...	...	...	...	...	36
Slaughterhouse						
Meat Inspection	...	...	...	...	...	186
Routine	...	...	...	...	...	10
Mortuary	...	...	...	...	...	25
Water Supply						
Routine	...	...	...	...	...	32
Samples	...	...	...	...	...	55
Drainage						
Private Drains	...	...	...	...	...	34
Public Sewers	...	...	...	...	...	20
Main Sewers	...	...	...	...	...	6
Cesspools	...	...	...	...	...	23
Ditchcourse	...	...	...	...	...	26
Trade Refuse	...	...	...	...	...	16
Trade Effluent						
Samples	...	...	...	...	...	3
Inspections	...	...	...	...	...	43
Disinfestation	...	...	...	...	...	8
Noise Abatement	...	...	...	...	...	29
Meetings	...	...	...	...	...	24
Interviews	...	...	...	...	...	107
Disposal of Radio Active Substances	...	...	...	...	...	2
Court Proceedings	...	...	...	...	...	1

Conclusion

I have been most impressed during my first 6 months service with the rate of development and future extension plans envisaged in the Urban District.

Stourport-on-Severn is most fortunate in not having a large Slum Clearance problem, nevertheless in an effort to keep pace with housing requirements it is most important not to allow the older houses without modern amenities to deteriorate to slum clearance standards. However, now that legislation is available for enforcing compulsory improvements in houses this matter can always be kept under observation.

The work in the Health Department has increased during the year with the introduction of the Offices, Shops and Railway Premises Act and will mean a substantial increase in routine work and inspections. Unfortunately these ever increasing duties cannot be continually absorbed without consideration being given to the existing establishment in the Department.

I wish to thank all my colleagues and members of the Council who have been most helpful in assisting me during my initial 6 months service.

I am, Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

R. WIGGLESWORTH,

Public Health Inspector

